

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Petroleum Engineers (17-2171)**

**Associated Occupation: Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers (19-2042)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Engineering and Technology	5.7	17.8	22.0	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Geography	3.9	17.4	9.4	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	16.0	17.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	15.0	14.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Physics	4.3	14.4	15.3	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Chemistry	4.8	10.3	11.6	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Reading Comprehension	10.7	16.0	15.5	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	15.1	10.5	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Listening	11.0	13.6	13.3	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	11.9	13.5	> Skill level is likely sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	9.4	10.1	0 Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98				
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation		
Written Comprehension	11.0	16.0	15.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Written Expression	9.8	14.2	14.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.2	14.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.0	13.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Near Vision	11.1	12.8	11.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required	
Category Flexibility	9.0	12.3	12.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	10.3	11.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient	
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.1	9.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Number Facility	6.3	9.1	9.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 82
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adhere to safety procedures	12	
Advise clients or customers	19	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Communicate technical information	4	
Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25	
Confer with research personnel	50	
Confer with scientists	54	
Develop mathematical simulation models	70	
Develop or maintain databases	30	
Develop plans for programs or projects	31	
Develop policies, procedures, methods, or standards	21	
Develop tables depicting data	33	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	

Direct and coordinate scientific research or investigative studies	27
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Evaluate engineering data	60
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Explore for oil or gas	92
Perform statistical analysis in physical science or geological research	71
Plan scientific research or investigative studies	48
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Read technical drawings	7
Resolve engineering or science problems	46
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks	58
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use physical science research techniques	68
Use project management techniques	47
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Write business project or bid proposals	48

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 87

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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